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THE NEW PENSION LAW

As Enacted by the Legislature at the Last Session.

As information for those of our readers who are entitled, under the laws of Florida, to a pension for service in the civil war, we publish the full text of the Pension Law now in force in this State. The law is as follows:

AN ACT to Provide Annuities to Widows of Deceased Confederate Soldiers and Sailors of the State of Florida, and to Create a State Board of Pensions and to prescribe their Duties and Powers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. That from and after July 1st, 1903, the widows of any deceased soldier or sailor who enlisted and served in the military or naval service of the Confederate States, or this State, during the war between the States of the United States, and did not desert the Confederate or State service, shall be entitled to receive the sum of ninety-six dollars per annum, in quarterly payments; Provided that such widow was lawfully married to such deceased soldier or sailor prior to January 1st, 1885; and provided such widow was a resident of the State of Florida on January 1st, 1890, and has since continuously resided therein; and. Provided, further, that no widow who owns property, real or personal, or real and personal, to the value of eight hundred dollars, shall be entitled to the provisions hereof. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any widow after her remarriage.

Sec. 1. All sums required for the payment of pensions to applicants under the provisions of this Act shall be paid by warrants drawn by the Comptroller on the Treasurer of the State, in favor of the applicant for the sum to which she may be entitled, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 3. The County Commissioners of each county shall at least once each year examine the pension roll of their respective counties and ascertain whether or not any person on said pension roll should be dropped from same by reason of not being entitled to draw said pension under the provisions of this Act, and make report of their findings to the State Board of Pensions, who are hereby authorized to drop said pensioners from the list, if, in their judgment, the same should be done.

Sec. 4. The State Board of Pensions shall prescribe rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of the pension laws of this State, see that said laws are complied with, and shall make reports and recommendations to the Governor at least thirty days before the meeting of the Legislature. Said Board may make such rules for the conduct of their business as they may deem proper, not in conflict with the spirit and purpose of the pension laws. They may employ a clerk at a salary not exceeding five hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly out of the State Treasury, on the certificate of the Chairman of said Board.

Sec. 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This Act shall be in force from and after July 1st 1903.

Approved June 6th, 1903.

A Card from Candidate Wright.

EDITOR MADISON ENTERPRISE:—

You say editorially in your issue of last week:

"Judge A. O. Wright, of Jacksonville, seems to be taking his candidacy for congress in earnest."

For some reason unknown to me certain newspapers in this State have persistently ridiculed the idea of my aspiring to congressional honors. Before the campaign closes, a year hence, I propose to convince my brethren of the press that such treatment is not only unmerited but unjust.

The white democrat in making his ballot in the coming primary will do so with a mind of his own. His selection for congressman will be the man who comes nearest his ideal what a congressman should be. He will not be influenced by ridicule or abuse, for by that time every candidate will have received a full measure of both.

In the list to choose from there will be men of eloquence, men of learning, men of action, men of judgment, men of experience, men with records, and men with positive political views and principles more or less aroused.

While I may not measure up to the highest standard in any one of the above attributes, I have hope that in my person, repute and record all of them may be so blended that I may be the man of his choice.

Yours fraternally,

A. O. WRIGHT.

Jacksonville, Fla.

Jacksonville is Selected.

Brig. Gen. C. P. Lovell at noon to-day received a telegram from Aft. Gen. Foster, from Tallahassee, stating that Gov. Jennings had designated the grounds in Fairfield, in this city, for the encampment of the Florida soldiers in August.

This will prove most gratifying news to the people of Jacksonville, as it will bring to the city 2,000 soldier boys and several thousand visitors.

The grounds selected are north of the ostrich farm, and east of the Florida Country Club. The grounds will be put in excellent shape for the soldier boys, and is very accessible, as the Jacksonville street railway runs directly to the site.

St. Augustine was Jacksonville's only competitor, Tampa having withdrawn from the contest last week. This city raised several hundred dollars, which will be used in placing the grounds in good condition for the militia. The soldier boys can rest assured that Jacksonville will give them a most cordial welcome.—Metropolis (Monday.)

Railroad Commission Rulings.

Tallahassee, June 28.—The State Railroad Commission has declared the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company guilty of a violation of the rule made by the Commission to the effect that the company should establish an agency at Ponce DeLeon on its line in Holmes county, within ten days from June 10. The penalty for such violation is not more than \$5,000, and October 1 has been set as the date upon which the matter is to be taken up.

The Commission has ordered a new schedule of freight tariff for the Seaboard Air Line, to apply only to shipments from or destined to points on the Florida West Shore Railway, to become effective July 1.

A camp of Confederate Veterans has been established at DeLand, and is named Camp Loring in honor of Maj. Gen. William Wing Loring.

MADISON VICTORIOUS.

White Springs Lost Tuesday—A Large Crowd of Excursionists.

Madison's baseball team went to White Springs Tuesday accompanied by nearly 100 ladies and gentlemen of the town. The trip, which was a delightful one, was made via the Valdosta Southern and G. S. & F. Ry's., and White Springs was reached about 10 o'clock. A most pleasant day was enjoyed by all the visitors, many of them finding time to enjoy a plunge in the spring.

The ball game was called at 4 o'clock, and in the first inning Madison scored five times. For five successive innings the White Springs players failed to score when the Madison players became listless and permitted them to cross the plate twice, our boys in the meantime adding to their score in each inning.

The game as a whole was slow and devoid of much interest, the men playing like a crowd of small boys.

W. B. Davis started in as umpire but one of the White Springs players kicked vigorously on one of his decisions and Mr. Davis declined to act any longer. Mr. Burt Bullock of White Springs then took his place and finished the game in a very satisfactory manner.

Madison having the game won declined to play its half of the last inning, the score standing: Madison 13; White Springs, 3.

The Madison team leave for Tallahassee by the 1 o'clock train to-day where they will play a return game with the team of that city this afternoon. The first game between these teams was played here two weeks ago and resulted in a big victory for our boys. This, of course, was not pleasing to the Tallahasseans, and it is now said that they will be properly fixed to lay it on to Madison this afternoon. That, however, remains to be seen. The Madison boys will return home on the early train to-morrow. Writing of the game this afternoon the Capital of last Sunday says:

"The Tallahassee boys are good fellows, but they can't play ball." That is the verdict of Madison, and the players of that town ought to know.

They will have another opportunity to find out, and if our kids don't redeem themselves then we'll have to give in. The Madison baseball team will be over Thursday to cross bats with the kids. They are coming confident of victory, knowing that the kids are nice fellows, "but they can't play ball."

Arrangements were completed Saturday for a game with Madison. Our boys will put in some time at practice, and they are going to fool somebody. It is understood that a large crowd of rooters will come over to cheer the Madison boys on to victory.

The Tallahassee boys are all good amateur players. During their last game at Madison Sheats went into the box without any preliminary work. For the first two or three innings he was wild and unsteady. In the first he gave four men their base on balls in succession. Then on one occasion he threw a ball clear over the catcher's head. This was enough to rattle any team, but after he pulled together the boys played good ball. With warming up, some practice, and a man to hold

him down, Sheats pitches a good game.

The contest will take place at Camp Henderson Thursday afternoon, and it is to be hoped that a large crowd will turn out to witness the game.

Our "men under twelve" went to Monticello according to arrangement Tuesday and wrested a hard fought victory from the "men" of Monticello by a score of 12 to 8. The little chaps came home yesterday afternoon jubilant over their success.

A Political Forecast.

The Tampa Tribune makes the following interesting comments on the political situation as it is to-day in Florida:

"Political rumors are falling fast and furious, and the festive politician is on the alert. There have been made moves on the State political chessboard during the past fortnight, and it is openly asserted to-night by those on the inside that a new State ticket had been made up by one of the wings of the party that is striving for recognition.

"The complexion of the new ticket reads like this:

"John N. C. Stockton for the United States Senate, to succeed James P. Taliaferro.

"Governor Jennings, for Congress, to succeed S. M. Sparkman.

"Gen. Robert Bullock, of Ocala, for Governor, and Frank E. Harris, of Ocala, for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

"Men high in political life aver that Governor Jennings is the only available man that can defeat Sparkman for Congress, and that the friends of Stockton have succeeded in persuading him to make the race.

"The Taliaferro influence will be at Frank Clark's command in order to defeat Barrs for Congress. Clark is one of the ablest politicians in the State, and he has bright prospects of success. Admirers of Barrs, however, are confident that the lines will be drawn, and as soon as the campaign is fairly begun that Clark's chances will melt away like dew before the morning sun.

"Bob' Davis, of Putnam, and 'Bob' Bullock, of Ocala, are recognized all over the State as wheel horses in the Democratic ranks. Both have served in Congress with distinction and they are Floridians of ability and deservedly popular with the old-timers. The race between these two well known gentlemen will be an exciting one, and when the lines are drawn it will be found that Davis will have the undivided support of the Taliaferro people and that Bullock will be endorsed by the friends of Stockton throughout the State."

This writer remembers when the lake in the rear of the Florida Manufacturing Co.'s works was stocked with German Carp fish some twenty years ago by Capt. John L. Inglis who at that time owned the lake and everything surrounding it. Last Sunday morning it was our good fortune to see one of the fish which had been "gigged" by Lias Perry, a laborer at the works. The fish was a tremendous one, its body entirely filling a small express wagon, such as is used by small boys. The fish readily brought 75 cents. We have never eaten this species of fish, but it is said that its flesh is very fine and considered a great delicacy by epicures. It certainly is not a very attractive creature.

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BENEDICTS AND STAGS.

The Married Men Delightfully Entertain the Young Men.

That the married men are no slouches when it comes to providing a sure enough "good time" for their guests was abundantly proven at Knights of Pythias hall last Wednesday night, the occasion being a stag-whist party tendered by the benedicts to the young men in return for courtesies extended in the past.

There were present at this entertainment not less than fifty of the best male citizens of the town. The affair was in charge of Will Taylor and Sevier Griffin who designed the entertainment and worked hard to carry it out to a successful end. The game of whist was indulged in, 12 games being played, and the first prize, a handsome pocket knife, fell to the editor of this paper, he having won ten of the twelve games played. The "booby" was captured by Potts Markham, he failing to secure a single game. All through the evening delightful music was rendered by a string orchestra especially imported from Valdosta for the occasion, and after the playing had ceased refreshments consisting of ice cream, several varieties of cake, pineapple, stick candy and a delicious fruit punch was served. The evening's entertainment wound up with a grand cake walk in which "Bully" Griffin and Will Taylor accompanied by Will Parramore and Frank Webb dressed up as ladies, exhibited some new and graceful steps and figures. The party broke up a little while before the clock struck twelve, and it was the unanimous verdict of all present that the affair was the grandest success of the season.

Died.

At the home of G. W. Sutley, in this city Tuesday night, Hubert Sims. Mr. Sims had been ill for several weeks, but when death transpired it was thought that he was well on the way to recovery. Monday night he was taken with convulsions which continued at intervals until death relieved him of his sufferings. Deceased leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss. The funeral was held yesterday at Columbia church, about 14 miles from town.

Military men will be interested in the announcement of the promotion of Maj. George E. Porter to the position of colonel and chief of ordnance. Capt. B. Small of Lake City, succeeds him as Major of the second battalion of which the Madison Guards is a part. Maj. Small is a splendid gentleman and a man of much military experience, and we have no doubt but that he will bring his battalion to a high state of efficiency.

Capt. Maxwell Resigns.

An official circular announcing the resignation of Captain D. E. Maxwell as superintendent of the Sixth division of the Seaboard Air Line, and appointing his present assistant, A. P. Connolly, as his successor, was received in Jacksonville yesterday.

Though retiring from active management of the division as superintendent, Captain Maxwell is still retained in an important advisory capacity. Captain Maxwell will spend three months in recuperating his health, first going to Gainesville, Fla., and then to the mountains of North Carolina.

The people of Florida will be pleased to know that he will still retain an important position with the Seaboard Air Line.—Times-Union.